

Let me get this straight. Sinclair Broadcasting, which owns more TV stations in the US than any other company, benefits from recent FCC deregulation under incumbent Pres. Bush. In return, it proposes to violate the terms of its broadcasting license by forcing all 62 of its stations to suspend regularly scheduled programming in favor of propaganda on behalf of the incumbent just before the election. What country am I living in?

Please, "Stolen Honor" is not news. It wasn't written or funded by any credible news organization, not even Fox. And it's not new.

Do your job and regulate this country's mass media: prohibit Sinclair from forcing its stations to air this program, and make its stations' licenses depend on it. This is exactly why media ownership regulations need to be tightened, not relaxed--so that power over elections, to say nothing of power over people's entire conception of reality, does not become even more centralized. This is also why the legally prescribed conditions for licensure renewal--that stations serve the public interest in predefined, democratically agreed upon ways--need to be enforced. The alternative will not be democracy.

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